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SUBJECT: MBFR: FIRST MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP

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1. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST TO PARTICIPATING ALLIES THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR THE AD HOC GROUP STARTING ITS WORK ON THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT USNATO PROPOSE THIS PROGRAM, WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IN ROUGH OUTLINE IN AD HOC GROUP MEETINGS IN VIENNA AT THE END OF JUNE, IN
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SPC IN NEAR FUTURE WITH REQUEST THAT IT BE CONVEYED TO

NATIONAL CAPITALS.

2. WE SUGGESTED THAT THE AD HOC GROUP MIGHT CONVENE IN BRUSSELS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2. WE WOULD PLAN TO BRING A LIMITED NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION AND WE SEE NO NEED FOR CONVENING THE ENTIRE DELEGATION OF EACH NATO PARTICIPANT. AS WE VISUALIZE IT, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SESSION IN BRUSSELS WOULD BE TO COMPARE AND DISCUSS OPENING STATEMENTS. DRAFTS SHOULD BE READY FOR THAT PURPOSE. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT ALLIES WILL AGREE TO OUR PROPOSAL ON THIS POINT IN REFTTEL, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO USE THE SESSION TO BEGIN SPECIFYING AND DEVELOPING MAIN THEMES DRAWN FROM OPENING STATEMENTS FOR PRESENTATION IN THE SECOND STEP OF THE INITIAL STAGE FOLLOWING THE

PRESENTATION OF OPENING STATEMENTS THEMSELVES, AND ALSO TO BEGIN DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE SOVIET TACTICAL OPENING POSITIONS AND ALLIED REACTIONS.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT THE AD HOC GROUP PLAN TO MOVE TO VIENNA ON OCTOBER 15 TO CONTINUE WORK ON THESE SUBJECTS AND TO MOVE INTO NATIONAL FACILITIES AND IF POSSIBLE NATO COMMON FACILITY AND TO GIVE PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ALLIED SIDE A TRIAL RUN.

4. DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 21, WE WOULD SUGGEST CONTACT BE TAKEN UP WITH THE EAST IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH MODALITIES FOR AN OPENING SESSION ON OCTOBER 30, PRESENTATION OF OPENING STATEMENTS AND A SUCCEEDING PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT OF MAIN THEMES.

5. FYI. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ALTER SUGGESTED SCHEDULE UP TO A WEEK, BUT NO MORE. WE CONSIDER THREE WEEKS MINIMAL RUN-IN PERIOD FOR AD HOC GROUP IF ALLIES ARE TO MAKE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 30. END FYI. ROGERS

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